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explained by Senators Marsh and Harris. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion prevails and LB 81 is advanced. LB 96.

CLERK: (Read title.) The bill was read on January 10. It was referred to the Public Works Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Rupp.

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. President and colleagues, I bring LB 96 on behalf of the Nebraska Rural Electric Association. It is a fairly straightforward issue. It actually rectifies a mistake that was made in 1982 when LB 198 was passed at that time. The rural electric district has two areas, in essence, a charter area in which the members that live in that area can vote or hold office on the board of directors in that district. It also has a service area which the lines do not necessarily correspond to the charter area. A person is served by that utility, living across the road for example, using electricity from that district. Persons in the service area are allowed, under LB 198 passed in 1982, to run for the board or to vote in that district in the election for board of directors. However, 1982 when the bill was passed allowing them to do that, there was no date put on that as the time that they had to certify, with the district, so that the district could then, in fact, certify with the Secretary of State's office. It just implied that they could put their name in any time if they wanted to vote in that rural district or run for the board of directors. This simply says that they have to supply their desire to vote or run for the director 15 days prior to the date that must be certified to the Secretary of State's office, which is I believe July 1. This simply says that if a person, outside the charter area in a rural district, wishes to vote